

FACT SHEET

Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha Shops
Omaha, Nebraska

Update: Statement of Basis for Cleanup



April 2000

INTRODUCTION: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued an Administrative Order on Consent to the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). The order requires UPRR to investigate and clean up releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents at the Omaha Shops facility, 9th and Webster. The order was issued under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) because UPRR stored containers of hazardous wastes.

BACKGROUND: The order divided the investigation and cleanup of the facility into 3 parts that are called "operable units." The first part, "Operable Unit #1," (OU1) is about 100 acres on which the City of Omaha has proposed to construct a convention center and arena. UPRR submitted the RCRA Facility Investigation (June 1999) and Corrective Measures Study (February 2000) for OU1 to EPA.

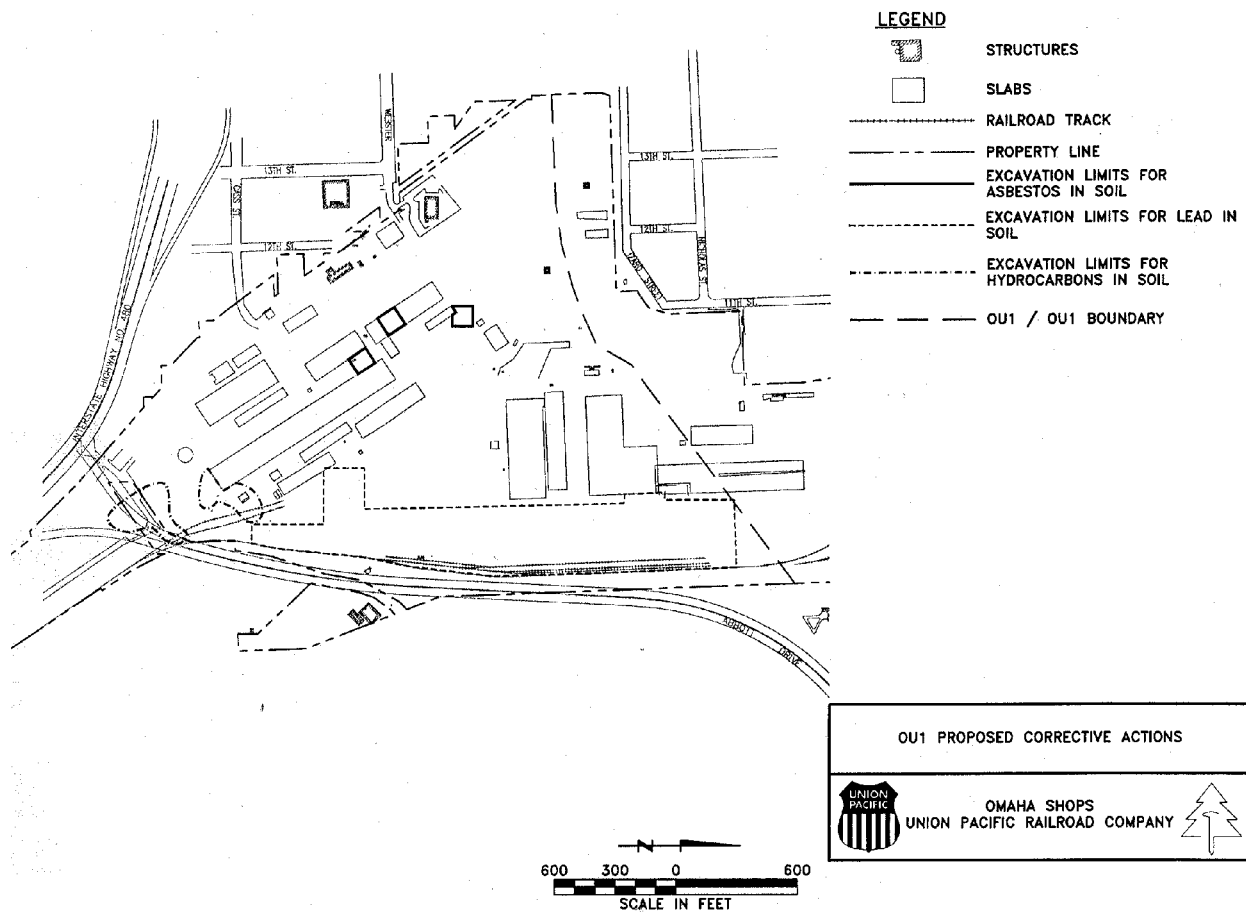
STATEMENT OF BASIS: EPA prepared a Statement of Basis that proposes a corrective measure to clean up OU1. EPA requests public comments on the Statement of Basis. The document is available for public review at locations listed at the end of this fact sheet.

PROPOSED CORRECTIVE

MEASURE: The corrective measure proposed for OU1 includes:

- Excavating contaminated soil from construction areas
- Placement of excavated soil in an onsite disposal area

The Statement of Basis describes how this corrective measure meets EPA's requirements for cleanups. EPA will make a final decision on a corrective measure only after the public comment period has ended and all written comments have been reviewed. EPA may modify the proposed corrective measure based upon public comments. Comments on the proposed corrective measure and the other alternatives is important to the corrective action and community involvement process.



Public Comment Period for the Statement of Basis on OU1

A comment period is open from April 1, 2000 to May 5, 2000. EPA representatives will be available on Tuesday, May 2 at the Omaha School District's Teachers Administration Center Boardroom located at 3215 Cuming from 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. to answer questions from the public about cleanup of the facility.

A public hearing also will be held starting at 7 p.m. on the same date and at the same location.

Written comments must be submitted to the EPA project manager by May 5, 2000 using the address listed on the back under "For More Information."